RESOLUTION NO. 2013-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A STRUCTURAL ENGINEER TO STUDY THE CONDITION OF THE BEAR CUT BRIDGE; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Village of Key Biscayne and the island community of Key Biscayne in its entirety is only accessible via a single bridge known as Bear Cut Bridge (the "Bridge") owned by Miami-Dade County (the "County"); and

WHEREAS, the Bridge is in a state of substantial disrepair and deterioration; and

WHEREAS, based upon the condition of the Bridge, the County has declared an emergency and made an initial decision to restore and rehabilitate the Bridge as opposed to replace it with a new Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council believes that due to its age and condition, as well as other factors, the Bridge should be replaced; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has particular concern with the condition of the pilings and foundations of the Bridge and believes that a special detailed study and assessment of those components of the Bridge is necessary prior to the commencement of any restoration work by the County; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council is prepared to engage the services of a qualified independent structural engineering firm (with bridge expertise) for the specific purpose of studying the condition of the Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. That each of the above stated recitals are hereby adopted and confirmed.

Section 2. Retention of Engineer. The Village Manager is hereby authorized to engage a qualified structural engineering firm (with bridge expertise) for the specific purpose of studying and providing a written report and analysis on whether the foundation system of the Bridge, including the pilings, is sufficient to support the County's rehabilitation plan and associated loads for the anticipated 30+ year service life of the Bridge.

Section 3. Implementation. The Village Manager is authorized to take all steps necessary to accomplish the purpose of this resolution and to execute any agreements and to incur amounts not to exceed those authorized by the Village Council.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of April, 2013.

MAYOR FRANKLIN H. CAPLAN

ATTEST

CONCHITA H. ALVAREZ, MMC, VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENC

VILLAGE ATTORNE